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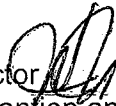


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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: John Viernes, Jr., Director   
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

SUBJECT: **FUNDING REALLOCATION FOR WESTERN PACIFIC MED-CORP,  
COUNTY CONTRACT NO. PH-000377**

This is to inform you that the Department of Public Health (DPH) plans to use the delegated authority granted by the Board on June 10, 2008 (Board Agenda Synopsis #31) to amend the County's estimated maximum obligation and corresponding maximum allocation for the above subject agreement. The agreement provides flexibility to adjust funding allocations, and contains provisions that authorize the Director of DPH, or his designee, to make such funding changes.

DPH recommends this funding reallocation based on the Sobky v. Smoley court litigation which allows agencies to request additional funds to cover persons eligible for Drug/Medi-Cal services. The funding reallocation will enable the agency to receive costs incurred with the additional outpatient services provided. Attachment 1 is a description of the services to be revised by this amendment and Attachment 2 outlines the agency's current and new proposed funding amounts.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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**Attachments**

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Narcotic Treatment Program Services (Federal Drug/Medi-Cal)

Narcotic treatment program services provide for the administration of methadone and/or levoalphacetylmethadol, at relatively stable dosage levels for a period in excess of 21 days, as an oral substitute narcotic drug accompanied by ancillary social and medical services for individuals 18 years or older who have a history of two or more years of dependence on heroin or other morphine-like drugs, and two or more failures in alternative treatment programs. Services are provided to Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries.